

Senate Resolution 1530

By: Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Chance of the 16th and Weber of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Michael Melvin, 2010 Georgia Economics Teacher of the
2 Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Melvin is recognized among his students and professional peers
4 at Starr's Mill High School in Fayette County, Georgia, for his superior work in teaching
5 economics; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Melvin has spent most of his professional career at Starr's Mill High
7 School, inspiring every class, whether college prep students or learning disabled and autistic
8 students, with his love of economics and mastery of the curriculum; and

9 WHEREAS, he works with new and veteran economics teachers at Starr's Mill, leaving them
10 impressed with the range of his inventiveness, from puppet shows on Mankiw's Ten
11 Principles of Economics to lessons drawn from the pages of *The Economist* magazine; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Melvin works constantly to better himself as a teacher, whether
13 participating in a gathering of teachers learning to write better test questions, attending a
14 lecture by Alan Greenspan, or traveling to South Korea and Germany to learn more about
15 world affairs and international trade; and

16 WHEREAS, as part of the Starr's Mill economics faculty, he has helped make Starr's Mill's
17 End of Course Test scores for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years among the highest
18 in Georgia; and

19 WHEREAS, in tandem with a fellow economics teacher at Starr's Mill, Mr. Melvin coached
20 Starr's Mill High School's 2009 Economic Challenge team to win the state and regional
21 competitions; and

22 WHEREAS, after winning the regional competition, the 2009 Economic Challenge team
23 traveled to the National Economics Challenge in New York City, where they answered
24 difficult questions on economics concepts and finished third in the nation in perhaps the
25 toughest high school economics competition in the country, going far beyond the
26 expectations of the team members themselves; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Melvin is a mentor, a trusted colleague, a teacher with a profound
28 knowledge of economics, an asset to the faculty of Starr's Mill High School, a leader to other
29 teachers in the Fayette County School System, and an educator who will have an impact on
30 the lives of his students for years to come; and

31 WHEREAS, in honor of his outstanding commitment to education, Mr. Melvin was named
32 the 2010 Georgia Economics Teacher of the Year by the Georgia Council on Economic
33 Education; and

34 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the education and welfare of young people
35 in this state, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to honor the remarkable
36 accomplishments and academic achievements of this outstanding individual.

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
38 commend Mr. Michael Melvin for his dedication to his students, professional excellence as
39 a teacher of economics, and commitment to education in Fayetteville, Fayette County, and
40 the State of Georgia.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
42 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Michael Melvin.